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**TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION NAMES
DR. ROBERT RUBLE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Nashville, Tenn.-- From a pool of nearly thirty candidates, Dr. Robert Ruble has been chosen as the new Executive Director of the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation (TSAC). Board members unanimously approved the appointment of Dr. Ruble, who will officially begin his tenure August 1, 2005.



Dr. Robert Ruble

During the June 24, 2005 TSAC Board meeting, chairman Kevin Lavender declared, "Throughout the search, Dr. Ruble has demonstrated a high level of integrity and professionalism along with a thorough understanding of the challenges that face TSAC."

Dr. Richard Rhoda, Interim Executive Director at TSAC added, "Financial aid is of critical importance to the whole higher education enterprise and Dr. Ruble understands that. We welcome him as a colleague and look forward to working with him."

Dr. Ruble has earned an outstanding career in higher education. He currently serves as a professor in the School of Science and Engineering at the University of Southern Indiana where he has previously served as the institution's Chief Fiscal Officer. He has held student financial aid positions at both Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee and served as Chief Fiscal Officer at the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, where his duties included student financial aid leadership. Additionally, he has held industrial engineering positions with RCA, Alcoa, and General Motors.

Dr. Ruble, who has a Baccalaureate and Masters degree in Industrial Engineering from Purdue University and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Illinois State University, is looking forward to getting started, saying, "Tennessee is committed to keeping college affordable, and TSAC is an important part of the effort. I am excited about working to preserve and improve financial access to postsecondary education for all Tennesseans."

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